



Marcia Stewart lights the candles for Kwanzaa celebration at Romulus High School.

Students celebrate Kwanzaa

A recent Kwanzaa celebration at Romulus High School featured an explanation of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. A staff member and a selected student combined to define each of the principles.

The program included a wel-

come and history by teacher Alberta Garrett, a vocal solo by student Edmund Odom, two dances by Deborah Wilson's dance class and a closing by Marcia Stewart.

Kwanzaa is an American holiday inspired by African traditions.

Begun in 1966 by Pan-African scholar Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa was created to strengthen the bonds of community among all people of African descent. It is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 every year.

Funds to determine extent of dumping

The Oakley administration, which has been active in pursuing environmental clean-up grants, announced Thursday that it has received a grant of approximately \$2,500 (the exact amount dependant upon the work to be performed) to cover the cost of an environmental impact assessment on a parcel located adjacent to a public park.

"Dumping practices occurring many years ago may have impacted the property located next to Elmer Johnson Park," said Mayor William Oakley. "A scientific assessment is the only way to know for sure. Once we know what we are dealing with, we can begin developing a plan on how to remediate it if the study shows the need."

The Mayor, who has amassed an impressive list of successful grant funded clean-up projects including the old Romulus Lumber & Supply property on Goddard Road, the Satterlee Dump Site which is now under study for use as a municipal golf course, and a parcel on Northline Road, added this new parcel to the list by accepting a grant from the Downriver Community Conference.

The newest grant brings the total money the city has received

from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and now the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) to over 1.5 million dollars and counting. The DCC is an association of Downriver Communities, which meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Those issues frequently include discussing the impact of poor environmental practices that occurred throughout Wayne County during the industrialization of the area during and after World War II. The grant is one of several issued through the DCC to its subsidiary, the Downriver Communities Brownfield Consortium.

Actual assessment work will begin no earlier than the spring of 2001 and will include review of historical photographs, documents and geological data obtained from tests and retrieved from files housed with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Referred to as a "Phase One Search," it is the first step in a detailed and carefully orchestrated process designed to tell experts precisely what, if anything, exists under the surface of the soil be-

fore the first shovel is turned. "It may be that the property contains contaminants that are not harmful. However, the only way to be sure is to carry out the testing," said Oakley.

Those wishing to learn more on the progress of environmental response issues or wishing to do research may do so by linking to the MDEQ web page.

City offers speaker bureau

Want some inside information on the operations of city government or the district court? Richard Marsh, Romulus Community Development Director, this week announced the formation of "Community Interest Speaking Forums."

City officials including the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer along with department heads and District Court judges will be made available to speak to groups and organizations and answer questions in their areas of expertise.

Groups or organizations interested should contact the mayor's office at (734) 942-7500.

Fire Dept. gala benefits children

The Romulus Fire Department observed the dawning of the new Millennium by hosting its annual New Year Eve gala this past Sunday, December 31st at the Romulus Progressive Hall located at 11580 Ozga Road.

More than 250 persons attended the party, which lasted well past midnight. Though attendee's enjoyed the fare of dinner, door prizes and dancing, the real beneficiaries of the event were children.

Romulus Fire Department Station #2 Captain George Simko reported that proceeds from the annual event have been used to purchase "good bears" for children undergoing treatment for burns at the Michigan Burn Center, a specialized burn trauma center attached to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. "Good bears" are specially made stuffed animals that are sterilized and wrapped so they can be given to children whose severe skin damage makes them highly susceptible to infection, a leading cause of complications in the treatment of burn trauma. "A good bear is as clean and bacteria free as a surgical instrument," reports Simko who co-manages the event with station #4 Captain, Jim Poet. The special care given in the manufacture of these particular toys makes them many times more expensive than their department store counterparts.

In addition to good bears, station #4 Captain Jim Poet reports that the event has supported a variety of other causes including the Detroit Fire Department burn tournament and currently sponsors Romulus Little League baseball teams. "All in all, it's a great event which goes beyond benefiting party goers and helps others, especially children here in Romulus," said Poet, "that makes the work worthwhile."

Tickets to the event were \$35 per person and \$55 per couple. A similar event is planned for next year for those that missed the party. Anyone wishing to become involved in the Romulus Fire Department or any of its charities may learn more by contacting Captain George Simko at (734) 721-3552 or Captain Jim Poet at (734) 942-7195.

Questions may also be directed to Chief David Allison at (734) 941-8585.



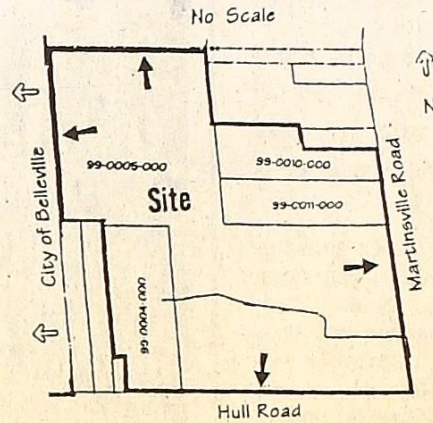
Frogs for a day

Four year olds in the Van Buren Public Schools pre-school program studied frogs by singing songs, telling stories, and making frog costumes and art projects. They also danced to the Five Little Speckled frogs. Preschool programs resume January 8th.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-108-99-0004-000, V-125-83-108-99-0005-000, V 125-83-108-99-0010-000, V 125-83-108-99-0011-000 from AG, (Agricultural Estate) to R-1A (Single Family Residential). The property is located on the northwest corner of Martinsville and Hull Roads.



Written comments will be accepted at do Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in a advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.173

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning Lots 1, 2, & 3 of the Junction Subdivision Block 3 [Parcel DP # 80 077 03 0001 002] from C-2 (General Business) to CBD (Central Business District).

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2. The Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus is hereby amended to rezone the following C-2 (General Business) to CBD (Central Business District).

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 2 & 3 of the Junction Subdivision Block 3 Parcel # 82 80 077 03 0001 002

Section 3. Except as herein modified the said zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED:** Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper of general circulation.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 11th. day of December, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST: William Oakley, Mayor

INTRODUCED: December 4, 2000
ADOPTED: December 11, 2000
PUBLISHED: January 4, 2001

CITY OF WAYNE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2001

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, In the City of Wayne. Persons who wish to vote in this election must be registered to vote by January 8, 2001 and possess the following qualifications:

- * Citizen of the United States
- * Michigan resident for 30 days prior to February 6
- * Eighteen (18) years of age on or before February 6

Voter registration application can also be made at an office of the following agencies:

Secretary of State
Department of Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Public Health
Michigan Rehabilitation Services

City of Wayne electors who have moved to a new address within Wayne should notify the City Clerk's Office.

PROPOSAL A

Language: For Charter Amendment to Elect the Mayor every two (2) years, beginning in the year 2001.

Shall Chapter six (6) of the City Charter be amended to elect the Mayor every two (2) years?

Shall three (3) Council members be elected every four (4) years beginning in the year 2001?

This Amendment shall be written in the Wayne City Charter as the Netter's Amendment.

Explanation

The Citizens of Wayne should have the same constitutional rights and privilege to elect and nominate their Mayor as does most cities in the United States. No sitting member of Council shall have to resign.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Advertisement for Bids

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CITY OF ROMULUS

Sealed Bids will be received by City of Romulus at the Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, February 8, 2001 at which time and place said Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

2,725 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron water main, 15 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main, and 2,647 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main.

Contract Documents are an file with Ms. Linda Choate, Clerk

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations; City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174; F.W. Dodge, Raleigh Officentre 25330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350, Southfield, Michigan, 48034; Construction Association of Michigan, 1625 South Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Daily Construction Reports, Plan Room, 40000 Grand River Avenue, Suite 404, Novi, Michigan 48375; and WadeTrim/Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office of Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting an Tuesday, January 2, 2001, upon making a payment of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars if picked up or Thirty-Five (\$35.00) Dollars if mailed, none of which will be refunded

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to City of Romulus as security for the proper execution of the Contract,

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

Ms. Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc.
25251 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180

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Council honors Dr. King

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne City Council Tuesday night approved a resolution in honor and in tribute to slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King, awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his work for racial equality, died at the hands of an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968.

In the resolution to Dr. King, approved by council and read by Mayor Robert J. Dickerson, it is noted that the nation will observe Dr. King's birthday on Jan. 15.

"on the occasion of the celebration of Dr. King's legacy, it is fitting and proper to rekindle our individual and collective commitment to fulfilling the promises of democracy"

"Dr. King's life and teachings exemplify commitment to civil rights and human rights for people everywhere, and that Dr. King inspired many people to work toward eliminating injustice and inequality by using the powerfully persuasive tools of peace, love and nonviolence to achieve social change.

The resolution goes on to say that "on the occasion of the celebration of Dr. King's legacy, it is fitting and proper to rekindle our individual and collective commitment to fulfilling the promises of democracy."

The resolution calls upon each and every citizen to "honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the principles he so eloquently shared with a grateful nation."

The resolution was approved unanimously by council.



Another fine eatery

With the opening of City Bakery and Cafe at 35161 East Michigan Avenue, Wayne and area residents have yet another enjoyable eatery where freshly-baked bread and coffee and friendship will be offered. Attending the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the cafe owned by Ash Farha were Donna McEachern, councilwoman for the city of Wayne and Wayne Chamber of Commerce executive director (from left), Wayne Mayor Robert Dickerson, Peter McInerney, Director of Community Development, Farha, Wayne City Manager John Zech, Ryan Farhat, baker, Sandy Dudek, cafe manager and Janine Goodlow. The cafe is opened from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Local postal employees give \$37,268 to charities

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was the season - and year - for giving.

Just ask your local postal employees.

Wayne-Westland and Canton postal employees announced this week that they have donated more than \$37,000 to charities to help those in need and a wide range of other causes.

And, for the third consecutive year, Southeastern Michigan federal employees have exceeded the target set in this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

The CFC is the federal government equivalent of the United Way.

In the midst of the season of

"I am quite proud of the postal employees of Wayne/Westland/Canton"

giving, a record \$3 million was raised for local charities.

Postal Service employees of the Wayne/Westland/Canton Post Offices donated \$37,268.

"I am quite proud of the postal employees of Wayne/Westland/Canton," said Postmaster Charles Quinn. "Their continued generosity is shown throughout the year with their participation in a variety of community and charitable activities that the Postal Services has part-

nered in."

Through the CFC, Postal Service employees donate more money than any other corporation in America.

In last year's campaign, \$2.6 million was raised.

Southeast Michigan federal employees received a national award from the Office of Personnel Management in Washington D. C. for the largest increase for a campaign over \$2 million.

The CFC supports a variety of local and national charities.

"We only need to watch the nightly news to recognize the multiple services that depend on support from CFC programs," Quinn stressed.

"Families suffer, children cry, and people die. For those less fortunate, the health and social services supported by the CFC are a lifeline for people

Services are scheduled for longtime Inkster teacher, ex-mayor's wife

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

"someone you could always go to for help with a problem"

If a teacher, through her students, touches eternity, then Jean Daniels' life will never end.

Mrs. Daniels, who taught in the Inkster Public Schools for more than 30 years, was known and loved by the children she taught and her colleagues. They remember her today as "someone you could always go to for help with a problem."

Mrs. Daniels, the wife of former Inkster mayor, William Daniels, died from injuries suffered in an auto mishap in Canada.

According to friends, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were on their way to their cabin in Windsor, Ontario when Mr. Daniels's car hit a patch of ice. He reportedly lost control of the car and was struck broadside by an oncoming truck.

The fatal accident occurred on Dec. 22.

Family members say that a

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday (January 5) at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 27800 Annapolis Road, in the city of Inkster.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Daniels moved with her family to the Village of Inkster at an early age. She taught in the Inkster Public Schools for more than 30 years.

She was also a chartered member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inkster Alumnae Chapter, and a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

Mrs. Daniels also was a volunteer for more than 10 years for the Travelers Aid Society, a group stationed out at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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MCN Writer Honored

Theola Jones, an author who uses her writing skills to write feature stories for *The Ledger Star*, one of six community newspapers published by The Michigan Community Newspapers, has been named the recipient of a prestigious award presented by a local sorority.

Jones was named the "Woman of the Year" by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Nu Zeta.

The sorority also selected Carmen Lewis as its "Zeta of the Year."

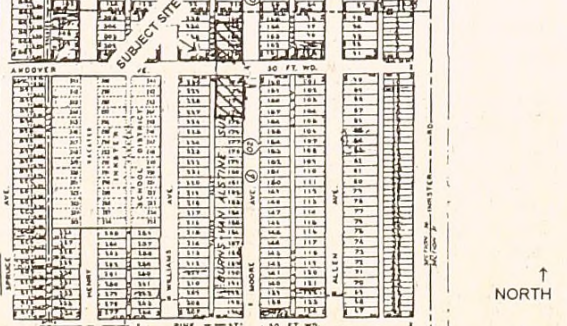
The two awards recipients will be honored during the group's annual Finer Womanhood luncheon which will be held on March 17 at New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

"Congratulations are in order for these two fine ladies for their outstanding accomplishments," said Norena Lumpkin-Knox, program chairperson.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO SECTION 155.130(A)(5) (INSTITUTIONAL SIGNS) OF THE CITY OF INKSTER ZONING CODE, WHICH STATES "NO INSTITUTIONAL SIGN SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH A HEIGHT WHICH IS GREATER THAN SIX (6) FEET SIX (6) INCHES ABOVE GROUND LEVEL." THE APPLICANT, GREATER HAYES CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL, IS PROPOSING TO ERRECT A 15- FOOT SIGN. THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO APPEAL, IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MOORE AND ANDOVER AVENUES AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS 167-174 INCLUSIVE, INCLUDING THE ADJOINING 1/2 OF THE VACATED PUBLIC ALLEY AT THE REAR THEREOF, BURNS-VAN ALSTINE SUBDIVISION, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS SHOWN IN LIBER 60, PAGE 70 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. (PROPERTY ID #44-014-02-0167-000, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 4010 MOORE)



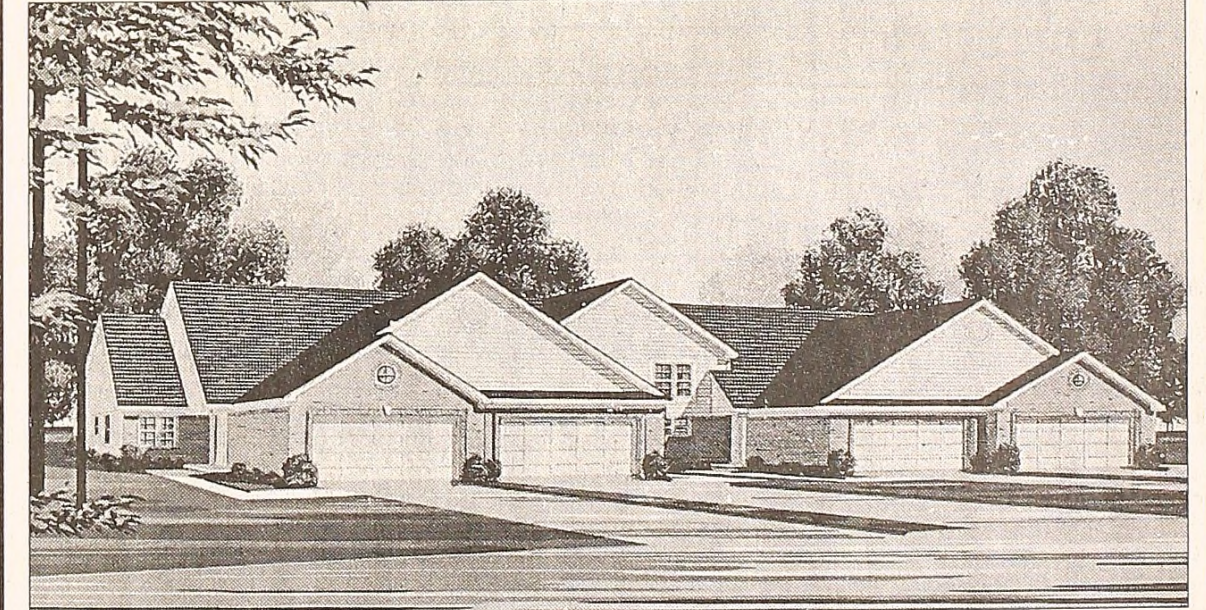
PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, JANUARY 18, 2001. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE #BZA01-01 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313)563-3211.

JOAN SPEARS
CHAIRPERSON
ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

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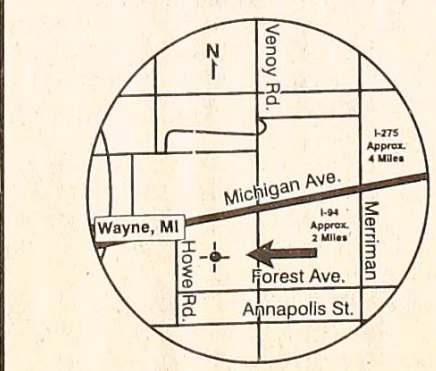
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SPORTS

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January 4, 2001

Is this the winter of discontent?

Salem, John Glenn continue to search for their first hoops victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Some may call it a season of paybacks.

Other say that this is definitely their winter of discontent.

But, whatever it is or not be, local teams are struggling to remain in the hunt for their conference titles.

Until someone proves otherwise, Willow Run remains the fa-

vorite in the Mega Red Division. The Flyers have the talent to go all the way this year in a division that in the past has been dominated by Wayne Memorial, Belleville, and River Rouge.

Romulus, the defending Mega-Red champ, had only one victory to show for its three outings, and that triumph was over Dearborn Heights Robichaud, carded in a crossover Mega Conference game. Coach Guy DelGiudice, whose

Eagles posted a 22-3 overall record a year ago in winning their first Mega-Red title, is struggling. His team has failed to impress anyone and Friday night they'll know just where they stand when they clash with perennial thorn, Rouge.

And you can bet that Wayne coach Wayne Woodard (that's Woodard, and not Woodward, please) will be scouting the two teams. The first-year Wayne coach

gets Rouge on the rebound on Tuesday (Jan. 9) and no one has to stress the importance of the upcoming game to the Zebras.

With one divisional loss (to Ypsilanti just before the holidays), Woodard can't afford to lose to the Panthers and hope to stay in the chase.

"They (Rouge) won their own Christmas Tournament," commented Woodard, "and I watched them crush Chadsey (Detroit).

They're good, but let me say what I have always said about this league.

"You got to come ready to play every game, or you're in trouble."

Woodard's ball club won four in a row, beating Canton, Glenn, Romulus and Salem before losing to Ypsi, 50-45.

In the meantime, John Glenn's first-year coach Joel Lloyd is still looking for his first win. The Rocks were scheduled to play Adrian

last night (Wednesday) in a make-up game.

On Tuesday, Glenn begins the Western Lakes Conference phase of the season at home against Farmington Hills Harrison.

Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton also have problems finding a winning combination.

The Rocks are riding the crest of an unprecedented six-game losing streak and they face Canton, a 1-4 team, Jan. 12.

Canton, Salem suffer post-holiday hoops blues

Off - target Chiefs fall in holiday tourney

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

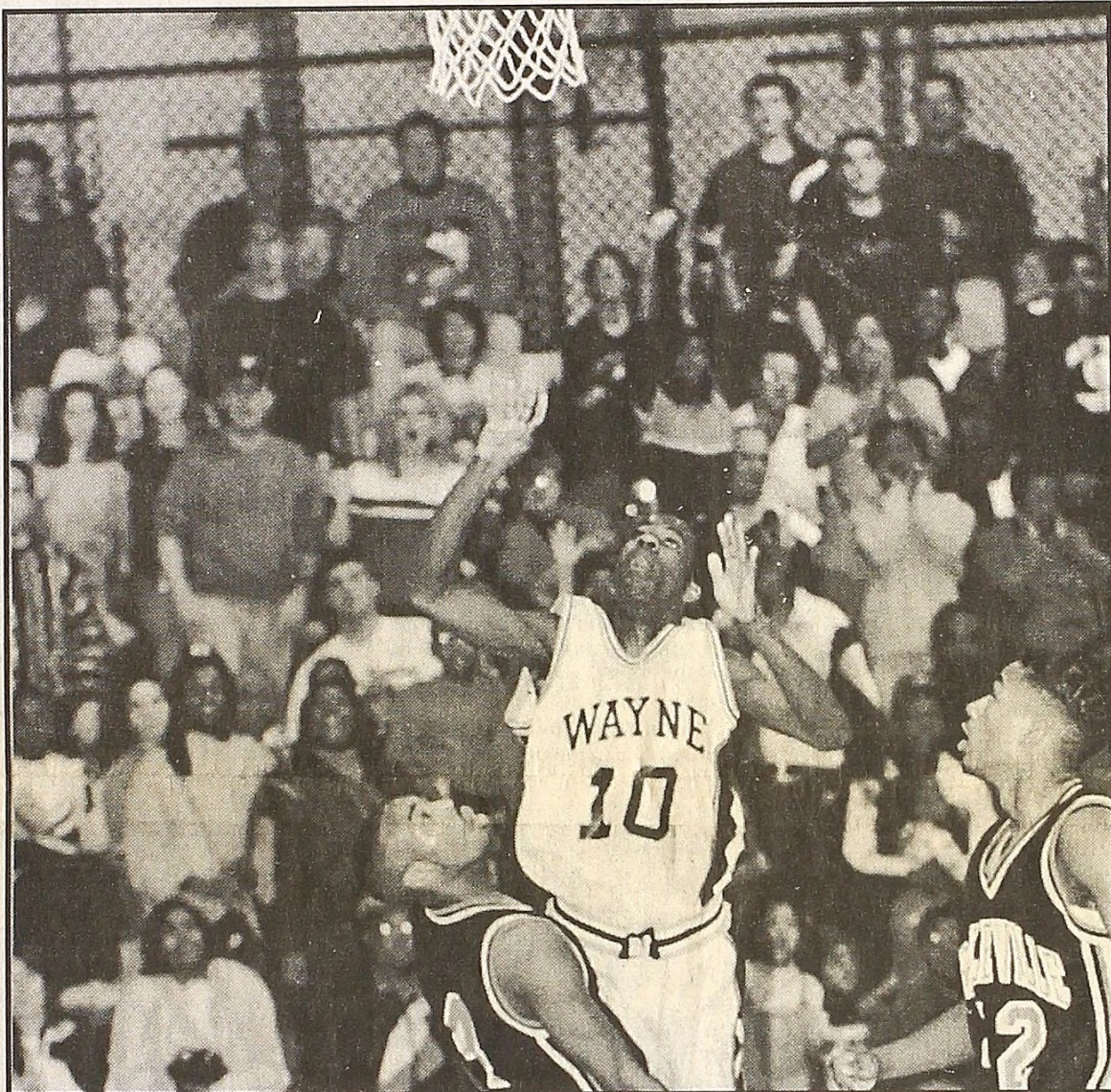
It may have been a case of "too much Christmas" or a lack of concentration, or both, but whatever it was Plymouth-Canton was definitely off target at the annual University of Detroit Jesuit Holiday Roundball Classic.

Shooting a miserable 21 percent from the floor, coach Jeremy Rheault's Chiefs dropped a 44-40 decision to Detroit Rodgers. It is a wonder the game was as close as it was after Canton made only nine of its attempted 43 shots from the field.

"I am not disappointed at the shots we took," offered Rheault afterward. "They were good shots. They just didn't fall. If we could have knocked down a few more, we would have had this win."

With both teams playing solid on defense in the first quarter, neither could find their way to the basket.

Canton led by one, 7-6, after the first eight minutes, but Rogers



Back to the hoops

After a couple of weeks away from the pine, high school basketball teams get down to the serious business of conference competition. Wayne, which lost its Mega-Red opener to Ypsilanti, will attempt to rebound at the expense of River Rouge on Jan. 9, while Romulus, the defending champ, has a Jan. 5 date to meet the Panthers. Both Rouge and Romulus are struggling this season. The odds on favorite to win the Red Division title is Willow Run, while Ypsilanti, which lost to the Flyers, could surprise.

"When you get the shots that we do, and you don't make them - that hurts."

came back thanks to Richardo Billings' perimeter shooting to take the lead for good, 20-19, at halftime.

The Detroiters went on a 10-point run early in the third quarter to stretch their lead. The Chiefs failed to respond until late in the fourth quarter.

Rogers outscored Canton 17-5 in the third period and led by more than a dozen, 37-24, as the fourth and final quarter began.

Nick Cabauatan led a Canton fourth-quarter rally which fell four points short of tying the score.

Cabauatan's 11 points stood up as the Canton's top individual scoring output, but it was Billings, who did most of the damage to the Chiefs, who led all scorers.

The 6-3 point guard drilled a game high 19 points to give the Detroiters the victory.

Canton was scheduled to make up a snowed-out game with Monroe last night (Wednesday). The Chiefs entered the non-conference battle with a 1-4 overall record.

Then, on Friday Rheault and the Chiefs have a date at Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans will provide them with their first test of the Western Lakes, Western Division season.

"They're tough," said Rheault, commenting on Stevenson's strengths. "And we have a lot to work on."

The Canton coach said he is pleased at the way his team is playing defense, but he is also quick to point out that the team needs to score more.

"When you get the shots that we do, and you don't make them - that hurts," said Rheault. "I feel that, in time, that will correct itself."

Webber, Scott power Wayne over John Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn may have walked away with the bragging rights for the Wayne-Westland schools in football and basketball, but Wayne made sure that it would take the swimming rights for the district.

With the help of double winners Chris Webber and Kyle Scott, and a total of nine of the 12 first places, Wayne Memorial turned back Glenn, 111-75, in their tradi-

"Webber, a versatile swimmer, led the pack to the wall in the 200-meter individual medley event"

tional dual meet.

It was an impressive win for Wayne coach Mike Gruber's team which is preparing for its opener in the Mega Conference, White Division, where the Zebras finished tied for third place a year ago.

Webber, a versatile swimmer, led the pack to the wall in the 200-meter individual medley event. He finished with the winning time of 2:17. He also placed the 100-meter backstroke in the Wayne win-

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Hockey teams skate to help raise funds for scholarships

A young hockey star who lost his fight against cancer will be remembered when the Wayne Wheels Junior Hockey Club and the Wayne Youth Hockey Association team up to stage a benefit hockey game in memory of Jerry Ball, Jr.

Ball, a Wayne Memorial High School student who played for the WYHA and wore jersey No. 91, died of cancer a year ago. He was 16.

Today, friends, family and former teams are staging various events to help raise funds for a Jerry Ball, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

According to organizers, the Jerry Ball, Jr. No. 91 Memorial

Scholarship has been created to annually assist families in their struggle with children's cancer and provide academic scholarships for high school seniors who have participated in the Wayne Youth Hockey Association.

The scholarship committee is seeking local support for the program.

The committee will meet every Tuesday in January to discuss the upcoming benefit game and also raising funds for the scholarships with future project.

Meetings are staged at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, Howe Road and Annapolis.

Interested persons are urged to attend the meetings.

Ex-tiger track star honored

A former Belleville High School track and cross country star, who turned to coaching, is the recipient of the Kermit Ambrose Award.

Kernie Gilliam, presently coaching in Gladwin, and a 1971 graduate of Belleville High School, received the award presented by the Michigan Track Coaches Association (MITCA).

The award is given in the name of Kermit Ambrose, who was a founding father of MITCA in 1957. The award is in recognition of one's outstanding service to the sport, their school, the association and their community.

It is presented to someone who epitomizes all that a coach ought to and is supposed to represent.

Gilliam has been coaching cross country in Gladwin for the past 21 years. During that span he has amassed a phenomenal 110-7 won-lost record and has during that time collected 10 conference championships, finished runner-up twice and third three times.

Gilliam's teams also have won five regional titles and have qualified for the state an incredible 16 times.

Although he had never won a coveted state title, Gilliam has fielded teams that have finished second best, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the state.



Kernie Gilliam

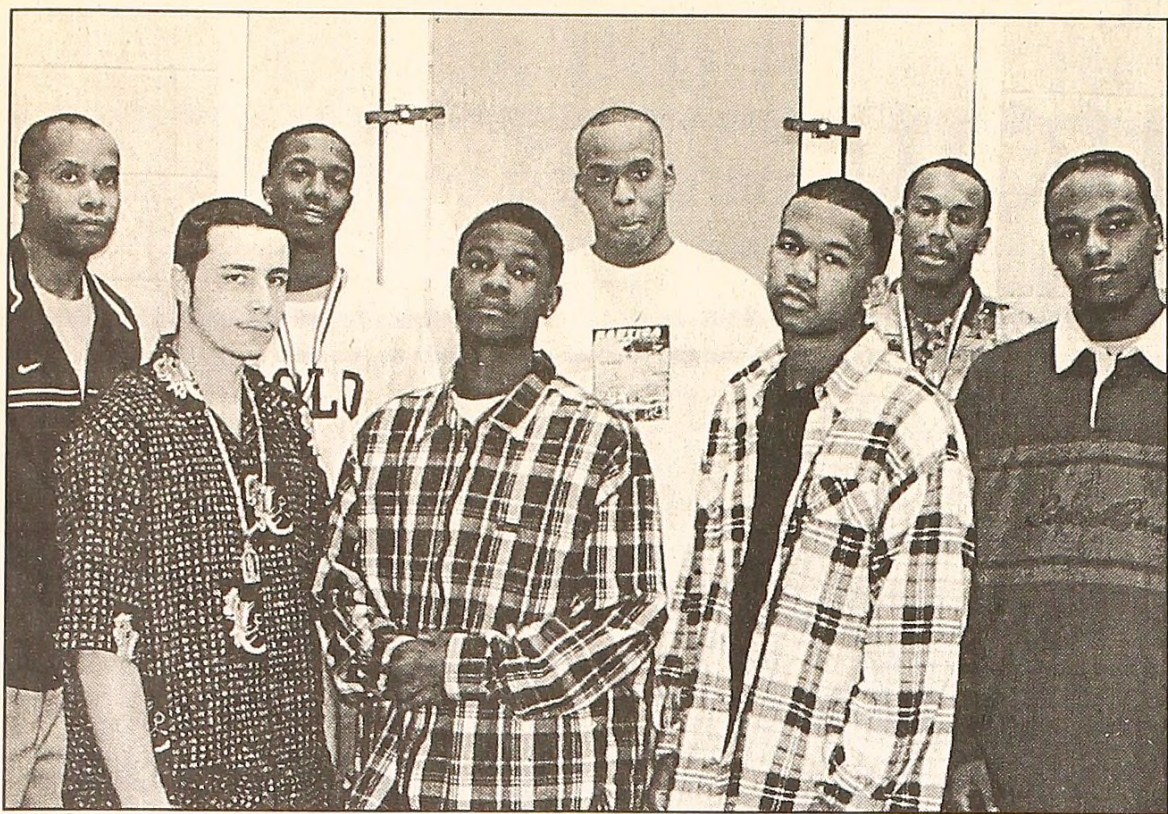
"I am honored and proud that the association members have awarded me this honor," said Gilliam. "But the honor belongs to the kids first, the staff and the school and administration."

In addition to receiving the Kermit Ambrose Award this year, Gilliam also was nominated for Division III "Coach of the Year" for the third time.

While Gilliam served as president of the MITCA, he was directly involved with starting the MITCA Track Team Championship Meet, the formation of a "Dream Team" for Track & Field and Cross Country, and the beginning of the awards for Mr. and Ms. Track and Field as well as Mr. and Ms. Cross Country.

"I would like to thank all of the great runners who gave their best to the sport," Gilliam said. "No coach can be successful without hard-working athletes."

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Repeat state champs

Romulus Community High's basketball team successfully defended its state Class "A" title. The Lions, coached by Mark Robinson, a former Wayne Memorial All-Area and All-Conference forward, dominated the state tournament staged in Holt. Robinson and principal Al Wilkerson were pleased with their team's performance. Team members include James Lewicki (first row, from left), Abdul Wardlaw, and Fabian Douglas. In the second row are coach Mark Robinson, team members Robert Fuller, Jason Bailey, Calvin Mays and Russell Dukes.

EMU pins hoops hope on All-MAC selection Smiley

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Eastern Michigan University will pin its women's basketball title hopes on an All-Mac Selection Stephanie Smiley. Although they have not won a conference title in the women's division, Smiley could help change

that. In the meantime, the EMU women's basketball team will have an autograph session after their game on Wednesday, Jan. 17. They'll face archrival Western Michigan University at 7 p.m. The game will be a match up of the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 picked teams in the Mid-American Conference West Division.

EMU has never won a conference title, but is coming off of its most single-season wins in the history of the program and will return four starters from last week's squad, including preseason First Team All-Mac Selection Stephanie Smiley. The teams will play in the Convocation Center on Hewitt Road, near I-23 and I-94.

Wayne

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ning column as he turned in a 1:01.8. Scott's victories came in both the 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter freestyle. Because of the holidays, Wayne and John Glenn are not scheduled

to swim until next week. John Glenn will host Belleville on Tuesday, Jan. 9, for its first meet of the New Year. The Rockets will begin Western Lakes Conference action on Jan. 11 when they are at home to Livonia Franklin.

In the meantime, Wayne clashes with an always tough Allen Park team on Jan. 9 in their first conference test of the year 2001. The Jaguars usually field a club that competes for the title.

Program offers food to children

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In the dead of winter there is nothing deadlier than being homeless and hungry. For the hungry, there are some programs that may alleviate the pain for awhile. This week, officials at Starfish Family Head Start announced that they are again sponsoring the Child and Adult Care Food program. The program is designed primarily to provide meals to children in child care centers, outside school hours programs and family day care homes.

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Here are the categories, according to "Family Size", Free- "A" Annual Income; and Reduced Price- "B" Annual Income chart:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 00-82-0243-P under Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Greg Ash, 1158 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, to place 146 linear feet of 36-inch stormwater discharge pipe, 9 linear feet of 12-inch stormwater discharge pipe, 270 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer pipe and approximately 7,695 cubic yards of fill material in 1.64 acres of wetland. Place 10 square yards of riprap at two outfall locations into the Hale Creek. The 8-inch sanitary sewer will also cross beneath Hale Creek. Excavate approximately 465 cubic yards of material from 0.13 acre of wetland for the construction of a stormwater detention basin. The purpose of the project is to construct 78 detached single-family condominium units and roads. The project is located in T3S, R9E, Section 35, City of Romulus, Wayne County.

The application may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, SE MI District, 38980 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48152, during normal office hours. The public hearing record will remain open for 15 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By: Bill Stone
Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water Management Division

Date: December 20, 2000

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Published: January 4, 2001

Last call WYAA is seeking junior hoopsters

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you're between the ages of 11 and 17 and want to learn how to or want to improve your basketball skills, take note - the Westland Youth Athletic Association continues to sign up players for the 2001 basketball season.

"This is our final call for players," said Keith DeMolay, WYAA publicist. "We need to get everyone who is planning to register, to register."

The WYAA is accepting applications for a Junior Division made

"This is our final call for players"

up of players ages 11-12; for Varsity, 13-14 year olds, and Seniors, for 15-17 year olds.

DeMolay also said that the 2001 schedule will not interfere with the Wayne-Westland Middle School basketball season or will

Gilliam

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letes. "I would also like to thank my wife Jackie and daughter, Meghan, who allowed me to spend many hours away from

Brodie

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Hoskins for the game's individual scoring honors. Both scored 15, while Tochman had 10.

In the consolation, the Islanders came out shooting and ran up a 23-14 lead as Zack Everingham couldn't miss. Salem slacked Grosse Ile's lead, 31-26, at the half and closed within a basket, 50-48, of tying the game before the Islanders sealed it with a 15-13 final quarter and a 65-61 victory.

Everingham scored 23 points in leading the winners, while Tochman stayed on track with an 18-point contribution in the loss.

The Islanders also made nine "3's" and that hurt.

Salem will not have an opportunity to break its six-game losing streak until Jan. 12, and on that date they face none other than natural rival, Canton.

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Romulus shines on somber occasion

There are many good people in this world, and many of them live here in the wonderful community of Romulus. I say this because I received an education last week on just how good people can be. The occasion was a somber one — veteran reporter Al Post was hospitalized and then a couple days later passed away (see last week's Mike's Musings for details).

Post was the community editor for Romulus and had been for a dozen years. He was loved by many and hated by others. However, his motto seemed to be "fairness above all else", and friends and foes seemed to recognize that.

I write that because as his boss I have never experienced such an outpouring of concern and genuine interest from a community or group of people in helping the newspaper make it through the next several weeks as we struggle to find a replacement for Post.

First on the phone was Doug Wicklund, President of EDS, the deepwell concern that has been fighting City Hall in and out of court for many years. As soon as he heard about Post's tragedy called and called often showing deep concern for Al and his family. He was the first to donate to the Al Post Memorial Fund, and his donation was extremely generous.

Then there was the Mayor. Mayor William Oakley and Assistant Mayor Dave Cox expressed grave concern even though they had been at odds with Post on some occasions. Cox, has been especially

helpful, being a ready, willing and able source for city news.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

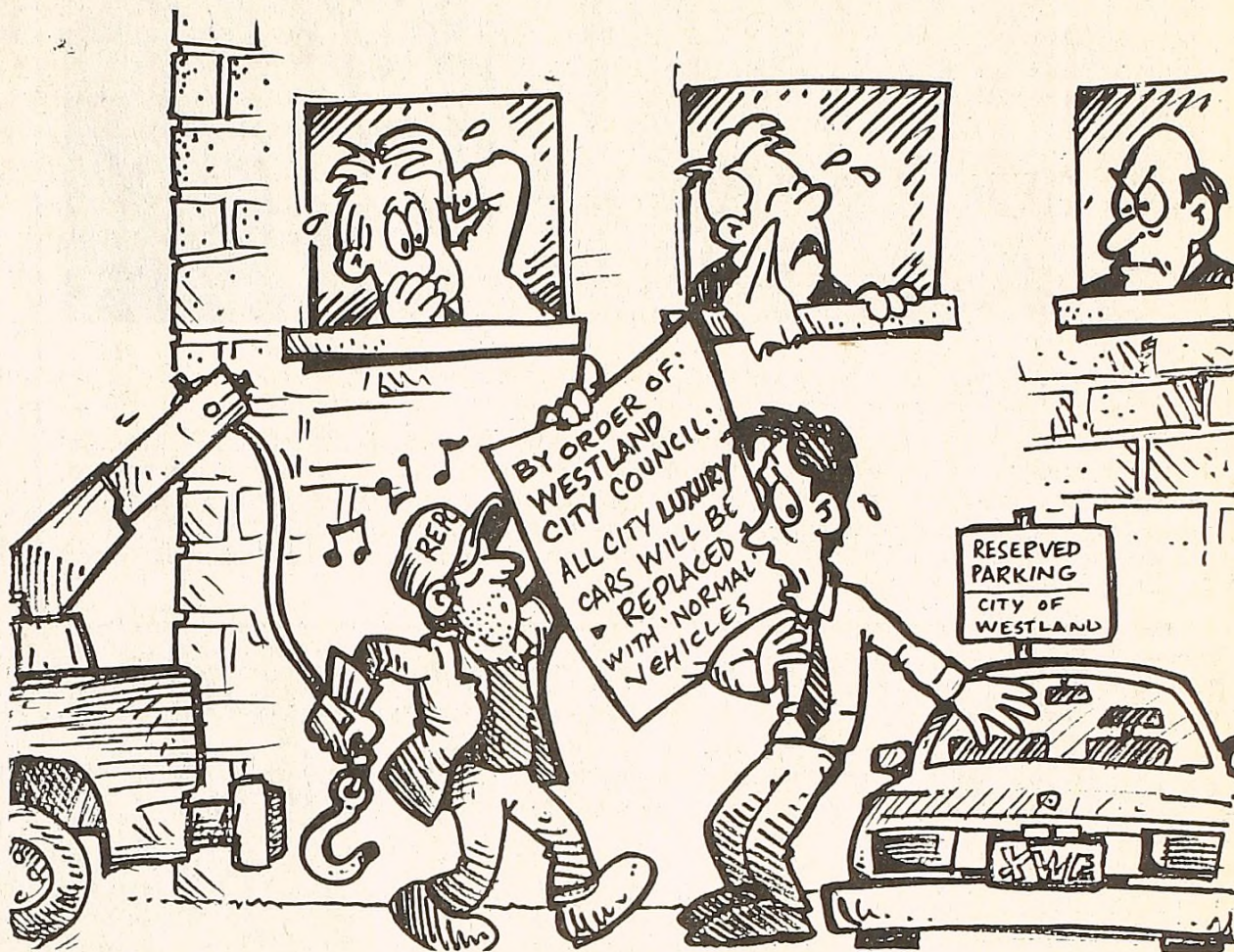
Dick Kruse of Romulus Schools, a steady source of school information and photos, offered to provide even more information. The Romulus News, an every other week newspaper, called and offered to help in any way we might need them. Jim Rarey, a columnist for MCN and a long time Romulus activist, extended his pen to write whatever we needed.

The list goes on. Tears welled in my eyes as I heard the kind words former City Councilman, Jimmie Raspberry made in an impromptu speech during services. Jill Martin, fire department secretary and John Thiede, fireman, were at the funeral home to offer condolences and help. And EDS opponents, Councilwoman Debbie Romak and activist R.P. Lilly attended the funeral.

In my mind, even though it was a tragic and somber occasion, it was one of Romulus's brightest.

For the first time in ages, The Mayor, Wicklund, Romak, and Raspberry were on the same page. Politics were tossed out the window, and a true sense of community prevailed.

I for one have a much greater respect for the community known as Romulus, and the great people that inhabit it.



Al Post practiced his faith

For the last ten years this writer was privileged to know Al Post as a friend and fellow journalist. A week ago Tuesday, Al succumbed to a stroke he had suffered the previous Friday.

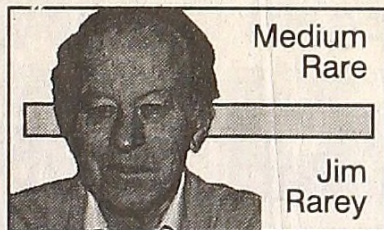
The longtime reporter and writer will be sorely missed by his fellow workers and readers in the six Michigan Community Newspapers.

Al was a reporter's reporter. He was from the "old" school of journalism. His news articles stuck to "just the facts, ma'am." Although he held strong views on many subjects, they were not discernible in his news items. Those were reserved for his incisive (and often humorous) columns.

For many years, Al's beat was Romulus. He became one of the most knowledgeable persons around about the community. He was scheduled to add Belleville to his coverage this week.

Some complained that coverage of the city was too negative. That was Al's complaint as well.

He often explained (as any re-



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

porter knows) that bad news gravitates to a newspaper like metal filings to a magnet.

Good news, however, had to be dug out like a dentist pulling teeth. Al was always on the lookout for positive stories to include in the paper.

But Al was much more than just a newspaperman. He held a deep sense of caring for his community and fellow man. He was a member of the board of directors for the local Salvation Army as he was in Illinois when he worked there. He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church in Romulus and wrote many articles covering various church activities in the area.

In weekly breakfast get-togethers this writer had with Al at a lo-

cal restaurant over the last couple of years, he expressed deep concern over the general moral decline in the nation. He deplored the "political correctness" that was savaging religious (Bible) principles throughout the culture.

We spent many hours discussing local, national and international issues. We were scheduled to meet for breakfast on the morning he suffered his stroke.

Above all, Al Post was a Christian gentleman. His faith was not just a Sunday go-to-church kind. He practiced it, in the current vernacular, 24/7 (all the time). He was a model to be emulated both as a journalist and a human being.

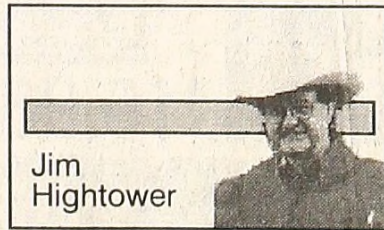
Those of us left behind will miss Al. But we can take comfort in knowing he has gone to his just and happy reward. That at the sounding of the last trumpet he will be raised to join Jesus Christ and be with him forever (I Corinthians 15:52).

Al, we will meet again.

The Pentagon peddles sweatshop goods

When he was mayor of Philadelphia, Frank Rizzo was charged with nepotism in the hiring of the city fire commissioner, to which he responded: "Whaddaya mean nepotism? He's my brother!"

Likewise, the Pentagon seems confused on the concept of ethical dealings — not over the hiring of relatives, but in the buying of some of its supplies. In particular, the Air Force Exchange Service, which runs 1,400 stores on U.S. military bases around the world, hauling in some \$7 billion a year in sales, has been getting much of the apparel that it sells in these stores from a notorious sweatshop in Nicaragua.



Jim Hightower

This violates policy, regulations, common decency. . . and our nation's moral principles. The Chentex factory, owned by a Taiwanese textile conglomerate, employs 1,800 workers who sew 35,000 pair of jeans a day. The jeans retail in the Exchange stores for about \$30 a pair, but the workers are paid only 20 cents for each pair, which adds up to an abysmal sub-poverty wage — even in im-

poverished Nicaragua.

Also, Chentex workers are not allowed to go to the bathroom without being monitored; they work up to 70 hours a week (including forced overtime); and it's not unusual for them to be screamed at and hit by factory managers.

Not surprisingly, to try to improve conditions, many have attempted to form a union, demanding an 8-cent increase in pay for each pair of jeans that they make — an increase that obviously would have no impact on the consumer price and would not pinch corporate profits.

Yet, when more than 150 of them went on strike for this mod-

icum of fairness, Chentex fired them.

The Pentagon is one of this sweatshop's largest customers. Rep. Cynthia McKinney of Georgia is working to stop the Pentagon from coddling sweatshop labor with your and my tax dollars.

To learn how you can help, call Rep. McKinney's office: 202-225-1605.

Radio talk-show host and author, Jim Hightower is a former Agricultural Commissioner of Texas. His latest book is "If The Gods Had Meant Us To Vote, They Would Have Given Us Candidates" (Harper-Collins).

Will the mother of all lawsuits be filed?

Predictions are neither art nor science. They're a game.

Often they're a trap — as with last year's presidential election, when nobody got it right.

In the roller coaster year of 2000, from Westland to Wall Street to Hollywood predictions wouldn't stay on track.

On Jan. 1, 2000, Westland citizens expected that the newly elected city council to approve a \$20 million community center, not a recall.

Wall Street speculators expected the stock market to soar, not sour.

Couch potatoes expected Jerry Springer, not Regis, to rule the air waves.

Not only were most of last year's predictions wrong, they boomeranged.

So I don't offer the following prediction as Gospel, only something I want to be on record as forecasting because, if it happens, it will be more revolutionary than the Internet.

I predict this: the US government will fork over billions of dollars to African-Americans for reparations for housing discrimination.

This prediction isn't coming out of the clear blue.

Since 1989, Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, has proposed bills calling for an official study of slavery and its impact.

The reparations movement has snowballed to the point where many cities, including Detroit, Chicago and Washington, have passed resolutions urging federal hearings into the impact of slavery.



Ivan Helfman

The California legislature passed a law requiring insurance companies to disclose any policies they held covering losses incurred by slave-owners when slaves died. The state has also commissioned a team of academics to research the history of slavery and report how current California businesses have profited from it.

And a team of lawyers, led by Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree, are preparing to sue the federal government and surviving businesses that profited from slavery.

The group, which formed during an interview about slavery reparations at Harper's, calls themselves the Reparations Assessment Group.

The group includes Johnnie Cochran, of OJ fame; Alexander Pires Jr., who won a \$1 billion settlement for black farmers who claimed discrimination by the US Department of Agriculture; and Richard Scruggs, who won a \$368 billion dollar settlement for states against tobacco companies.

"We will be seeking more than just monetary compensation," Ogletree told an English newspaper. "We want a change in America. We want full recognition, and a remedy, of how slavery stigmatized, raped, murdered and exploited millions of Africans through no fault of their own."

But despite the moral case that can be made for slavery reparations, I predict that the federal courts will not hand over billions of dollars for slavery reparations. After 135 years, it's difficult for African-Americans to identify culpable plantation owners and prove damages. Even if they could, statute of limitations laws would be a barrier. So would a 1995 decision by the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejecting slavery reparations.

The group has a much better shot arguing the case for living victims of housing discrimination during the 1940s and 1950s, when the federal government had sanctioned mortgage covenants that excluded blacks and, it will be argued, prevented them from being assimilated into the middle class.

Some Reparations Assessment Group lawyers told Harper's that the courts have already awarded reparations to Japanese-Americans held in internment camps during WW2, so there should be no difficulty going back to the 1940s.

While it's unknown how many housing discrimination victims can file a claim, there should be plenty, enough to force a monster settlement.

While a case of this size would not likely be settled for many years — long after most of the victims have died out — it will get dicey, I predict, once the plaintiffs' arguments hit home and a collective guilt threatens the reputation and institutions of the Land of the Free.

This is one prediction that I

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Letters From Our Readers

Red Cross steps up blanket campaign for homeless

To the editor:
The current drop in temperatures sweeping across the region has shelters filling to capacity and has prompted the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan to step up its campaign to collect blankets for the homeless. "This cold weather has increased the demand and we are hoping the public responds," said Louise Tewalt of Grosse Pointe Farms, a member of the Red Cross Board of Directors and a founding member of the Blanket Days Committee.

The Red Cross is partnering with 165 local community groups such as Belleville Lighthouse Worship Center and United Methodist Church in Belleville to collect 7,000 blankets for the 2000 Blanket Days for the Homeless Campaign. Blankets will be distributed to shelters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to assist the homeless victims of domestic abuse and runaways.

"This campaign gives everyone a chance to do something for their community and help someone in need," Tewalt said.

The Red Cross along with World Medical Relief and sponsors WKBD-TV 50 (UPN), Weingartz and the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation; the Red Cross expects to collect more than 7,000 new twin-sized blankets now until the end of the month.

To find a participating Red Cross service center or collection site, call 313-833-2685 or visit our web site at www.semredcross.org/blanket-days. Financial donations can be designated to the Red Cross local Disaster Relief Fund.

Schools mock core values

To the editor:
A dollar gets you a "Core Values Friendship bracelet" and student definitions of each value chosen by Dearborn Public Schools and incorporated in its core-values based curriculum - integrity, honesty, courtesy, responsibility and respect for self and others. The Dearborn School Board has received national recognition for its strong emphasis on core values. Their website proclaims, "We try very hard to make these values more than just words on paper; to make them part of our teaching and part of the example we set for our students." It's evident that the students have gotten the message loud and clear. The bracelets - a hit with students and teachers alike - are the brainchild of students involved in Students Taking a New Direction (STAND).

Meanwhile, the 315 June graduates of Dearborn High School (DHS) are still in the dark about the hushed controversy revolving around the 2000 yearbook. What they have received can only be viewed as a totally unethical response to an embarrassment resulting from a lackluster attitude regarding the academic journalism program at their alma mater. The added insult of a non-response equals treatment that is: dishonest, discourteous, irresponsible, and most certainly, disrespectful.

It began the week of graduation when DHS parents, Bob and Janice Temske, confronted the principal and the Dearborn School Board with evidence of more than 250 spelling and grammatical errors - not counting misspellings of names - and a complete lack of balanced coverage of student life at DHS. Appalled and outraged as to how their yearbook could have made it to publication riddled with errors, they demanded an acknowledgement to the graduating seniors and their parents. They were ignored. As the Temskes have rallied in support of DHS students past and present, the spin by the DHS Administration and the Dearborn School Board has been to make the messengers the problem. The Temskes have spend nearly seven months gathering and sharing information with the principal, the school board members, the superintendent, and the head of secondary education. To no avail. What they have discovered is that the DHS journalism program is inconsistent with the other Dearborn high schools.

At Edsel Ford High School, for example, the yearbook classes are treated as serious academic offerings. The students are there to learn and be trained.

Although a for-credit class, DHS turns the yearbook over to the students (student-directed) and lists it among leisure-time activities such as the Chess and Debate Clubs. The students are unprepared for the important task laid at their feet: to produce the historical record of the year. As the 2000 yearbook staff itself defined it, "to create a wonderful way for students to remember their high school years."

The students' enthusiasm and desire are apparent. The students simply lack the skills and are put in a lose-lose situation. Those responsible, the adults both at DHS and the School Board who are looking away, have short-changed not only the academic opportunity of those students interested in journalism - but also all those set to treasure the history that is supposed to be proudly and accurately reported in their yearbook.

The Temskes researched DHS yearbooks for the last several years and found the quality to be on a downslide until it hit bottom in 2000. They were disheartened to find evidence of plagiarism - identical copy and ideas used from year-to-year, an obvious affront to the Student Code of Conduct.

*Sincerely,
Bob and Janice Tempske
Dearborn*

LeMatrie and Kehrler are most 'independent' candidates

Due to circumstances beyond the control of most who aspire to obtain one of the two vacant council seats, the upcoming election on February 6th will become a write in campaign. One candidate was able to turn in petitions, although they have not been verified as of yet, and one candidate does not an election make, although I am sure there are some who would like it to be so. The very real danger in this situation is that if enough votes are spinstered and divided among candidates, the Good Ol' Boys will be able to "sneak" one by, and all of the work and sacrifices will have been for nothing.

Please be informed. Watch council meetings, read the papers, don't toss out election literature that comes to your door! When you go to the polls to vote, if you are writing in a name, and it appears that is the way this election will be held, outside of possibly one candidate, PLEASE understand whom you are voting for. Know how to spell the candidate's name, first and last, know for which term you are voting for them, and most of all KNOW your candidate.

The history of this city has been to vote name recognition, or

incumbent. This has given us the problems we have had to deal with. An informed voter is a wise voter. Please do not forget that those recalled had "endorsements" also. Backing so to speak. Don't let those sway you, vote your own conscience.

My husband and I, and several others will continue to work for Dennis LeMatrie and Mike Kehrler. Both men have the qualities we want to see in our elected officials. INDEPENDENCE.

This is why they cannot get the support of the present council members ... their INDEPENDENCE. This is precisely why we support them, and will continue to do so. Mr. LeMatrie is running for the three year term, Mr. Kehrler is running for the one year term. Thank you to all of you who signed their petitions, 1,400 hundred strong. Bad weather, holidays, illness took its toll, but we have faith in the people of this community, and we do believe you will do the right thing.

Both of these men deserve your support. Please feel free to contact either, and question them as to their platforms and their hopes for our wonderful community.

Brenda Gracin

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING- OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 11, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Debbie Romak

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Morris.
Motion Carried.

00-420

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 4, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Morris.
Motion Carried.

00-421

3A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to approve a new SDM license to sell beer and wine for consumption off premises to be held in conjunction with 2000 Class C licensed business located at 30747 Eureka Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-422

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the request of the petitioner, Fintex, LLC at 8900 Inkster Road and grant a six (6) year tax abatement on \$4,993,888.00 in personal property to expire December 31, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-423

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to award Bid 00/01-26 to Refinisher's On-Site Electrostatic Painting Co. In the amount of \$2,765.00 for the painting of the miscellaneous furniture and cabinets brought from the old DPW Building to the new facility.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-424

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 00/01-23 to West Shore in the amount of \$48,720.00 for the purchase of three outdoor sirens and radio receivers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-425

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to award Bid 00/01-17 to Herkimer Radio Service in the amount of \$2,098.00 for the purchase of two (2) Mobile Transceiver Radios for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-426

5D. Motion by Morris, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution to introduce an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances entitled Restated Code of Ordinances of the City of Romulus, Michigan, providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein and designating certain violations as municipal civil infractions and

Inkster Housing Commission Advertisement

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Quality in Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, that the Inkster Housing Commission of Inkster, Michigan has its Agency Plans ("the Plans") for fiscal Year 2000 and 2001 available for review and public comment. The Plans will be available for public review and comment from January 3rd, 2001 to February 18th, 2001 at the Inkster Housing Commission's main office at 4500 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. All interested parties are invited to review the Plans. Notice is further given that a Public Hearing on the Agency Plans is scheduled for 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at 4500 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan.

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providing for when the restated code and this ordinance shall become effective.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burgett, Crowd, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-427

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution to proceed with the special assessment process for the Greens at Gateway and to obtain engineering cost estimates for the preparation of the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing street lighting in the new Phase One condominium development in the Gateway Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-428

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to adopt the revised resolution dated December 8, 2000 as presented by Mayor Oakley in granting conceptual support of the Smart Park designation for the Pinnacle Aeropark project. A copy in its entirety is on file in the Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

00-429

5H. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a Resolution Approving Building Authority Contract Notice for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new golf course including a clubhouse, parking facilities, maintenance facilities, site improvements and all appurtenance and attachments relating thereto.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-430

5I. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and proceed as directed in the case of Donovan McGuire et al vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-431

6AI. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.173 introduced at the meeting of December 4, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-432

6A2. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 00/01-3&4 introduced at the meeting of December 4, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-433

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the payment of Warrant 00-23 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars and Eighty Six Cents (\$597,669.86).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

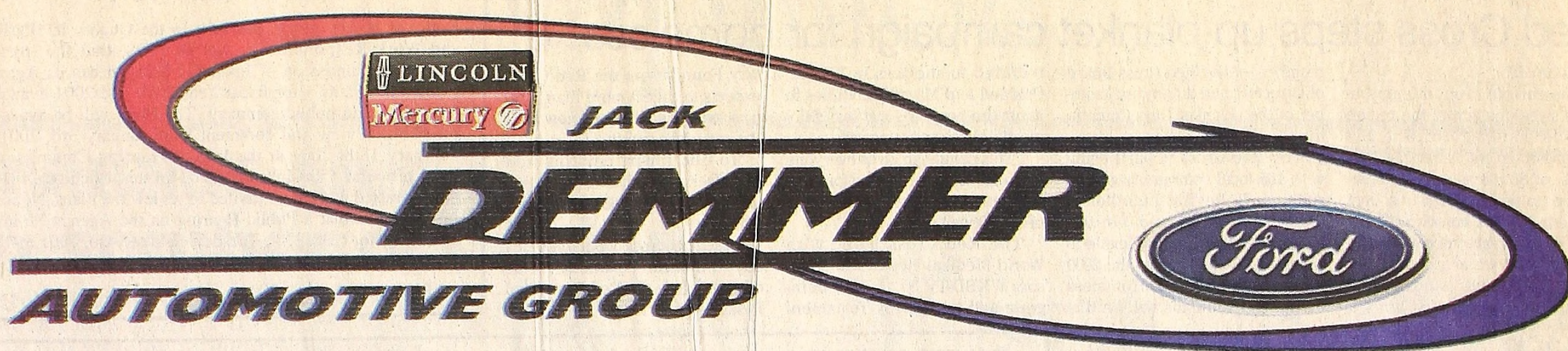
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 11, 2000.

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
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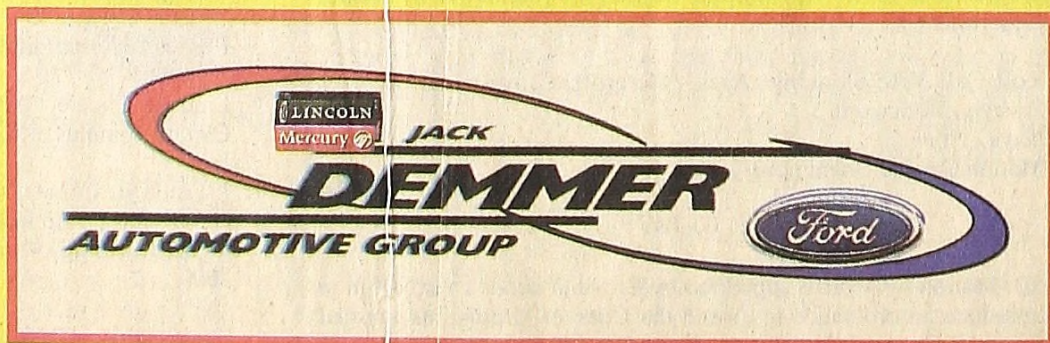
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